

What is claimed is:

1. A gaming system comprising:

5 a first gaming machine for providing a first game, which includes a control panel to be operated by a first player; and a second gaming machine connected communicatively with the first gaming machine for providing a second game, which is different from the first game and in which another player in addition to the first player is capable of participating,

10 wherein the second gaming machine comprises second game control means including: program storage means for storing a program to control the second game; program execution means for executing the program; image data storage means for storing image data of the second game; and image data transmission means for transmitting the image data of the second game to the first gaming machine, and

15 wherein the first gaming machine comprises: first game control means for controlling the first game; image data reception means for receiving the image data of the second game transmitted from the second gaming machine; second display means for displaying an image based on the image data of the second game; and game operation means for operating
20 the game control means of the second game.

2. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first player operates the game operation means such that the first player bets for the second game.

25

3. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first gaming machine comprises payout means for paying out to the first player

based on a result of the second game.

4. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first game is played only by the first player.

5

5. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first gaming machine comprises first display means for variably displaying a plurality of symbols for the first game.

10

6. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first gaming machine comprises a video poker game.

7. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the first and second gaming machines are connected through the Internet.

15

8. The gaming system according to claim 1, wherein the second gaming machine transmits a starting signal to the first gaming machine such that the first player is invited to the second game.

20

9. A first gaming machine for providing a first game, which includes a control panel to be operated by a first player;

wherein the first gaming machine is connected communicatively with a second gaming machine for providing a second game, which is different from the first game and in which another player in addition to the first player is capable of participating, and

25

wherein the first gaming machine comprises: first game control means for controlling the first game; image data reception means for

receiving the image data of the second game transmitted from the second gaming machine; second display means for displaying an image based on the image data of the second game; and game operation means for operating game contents of the second game.

5

10. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first player operates the game operation means such that the first player bets for the second game.

10

11. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first gaming machine comprises payout means for paying out to the first player based on a result of the second game.

15

12. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first game is played only by the first player.

20

13. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, further comprising first display means for variably displaying a plurality of symbols for the first game.

14. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first gaming machine comprises a video poker game.

25

15. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first gaming machine is connected with the second gaming machine through the Internet.

16. The first gaming machine according to claim 9, wherein the first gaming machine receives a starting signal from the second gaming machine such that the first player is invited to the second game.